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In re application of: Brian Graham Taylor

Application No.: 10/046,294 Group No.: 3679

Filed: January 16, 2002 Examiner: David Bochna

For: RISER CONNECTOR

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Warning: Failure to file a complete response in compliance with § 1.135(c) leads to a reduction in patent term adjustment - See § 1.704(c)(7).

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

- Applicant is

a small entity. A statement:
 is attached.
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 other than a small entity.

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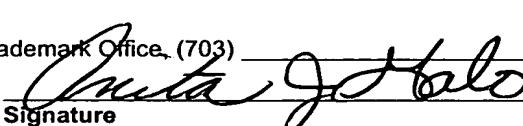
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EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: "Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) – If a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.740(b) "...an applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the date after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed. The period, or shortened statutory period, for reply that is set in the Office action or notice has not effect on the three-month period set forth in this paragraph."

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1)-(4) for the total number of months check below:

Extension <u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Fee \$ 210.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$210.00

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE . OR RATE
TOTAL *31	MINUS ** 20	=11	X\$ 9=	\$99.00
INDEP. * 2	MINUS *** 3	= 0	X\$ 43=	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM			= 0	X\$145= \$99.00
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE
			\$99.00	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING "After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a)(emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$99.00

FEE PAYMENT

Attached is a check money order in the amount of \$309.00

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00

to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

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FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986 (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 20-0090.



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ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1))

NOTE: "To establish small entity status after the payment of the basic filing or national stage fee as a non-small entity, a written assertion of small entity status is required to be submitted." Notice of September 8, 2000, 65 Fed. Reg. 54604, at 54609.

NOTE: Submission of a Change of Status (small/not small entity status) after issuance of the Notice of Allowance in an application does not result in a reduction in patent term adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(c)(10). See Notice of May 29, 2001, 1247 OG 111-112, June 26, 2001.

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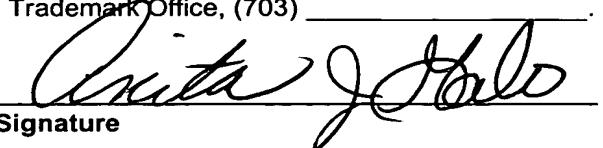
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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(1): "Assertion by writing. Small entity status may be established by a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status. A written assertion must:

- (i) Be clearly identifiable;
- (ii) Be signed (see paragraph (c)(2) of this section; and
- (iii) Convey the concept of entitlement to small entity status, such as by stating that applicant is a small entity, or that small entity status is entitled to be asserted for the application or patent. While no specific words or wording are required to assert small entity status, the intent to assert small entity status must be clearly indicated in order to comply with the assertion requirement."

Applicant hereby states that applicant is a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for this

application
 patent

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)(2): "Parties who can sign and file the written assertion. The written assertion can be signed by:

- (i) One of the parties identified in § 1.33(b) (e.g., an attorney or agent registered with the Office), § 3.73(b) of this chapter notwithstanding, who can also file the written assertion;
- (ii) At least one of the individuals identified as an inventor (even though a § 1.63 executed oath or declaration has not been submitted), notwithstanding § 1.33(b)(4), who can also file the written assertion pursuant to the exception under § 1.33(b) of this part; or
- (iii) An assignee of an undivided part interest, notwithstanding §§ 1.33(b)(3) and 3.73(b) of this chapter, but the partial assignee cannot file the assertion without resort of a party identified under § 1.33(b) of this part."

35 C.F.R. § 1.33(b):

- (b) Amendments and other papers. Amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(ii) of this part, filed in the application must be signed by:
 - (1) A registered attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.34(b);
 - (2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of § 1.34(a);
 - (3) An assignee as provided for under § 3.71(b) of this chapter; or
 - (4) All of the applicants (§ 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with § 3.71 of this chapter.

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